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Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 3-11, amend claims 12-16 and add new claims 17-20 as follows. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-11 (Cancelled).

Claim 12 (Currently Amended). An electronic image pickup apparatus, comprising:

a housing which houses a finder unit, an electronic image pickup ~~means~~ unit and an image display ~~means~~ device, and ~~being~~ which is provided with an image display device operating member ~~for operating being used to operate~~ the image display ~~means~~ device on an outer surface thereof, wherein:

an eyepiece window of the finder unit is located on a rear surface area, ~~to in which the~~ an image display ~~portion~~ screen of the image display ~~means~~ device is exposed, in the outer surface of the housing,

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the eyepiece window is also located in a left side of ~~an~~ the
image display ~~portion screen~~ of the image display ~~means~~ device on
the a rear surface area, and

- 15 the image display device operating member is located in a
right side of the image display ~~portion screen~~ of the image
display ~~means~~ device on the rear surface area.

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Claim 13 (Currently Amended). An electronic image pickup
apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the eyepiece window of
the finder unit is ~~also~~ located in a vicinity of an upper end of
the rear surface area, and the image display device operating
5 member is also located in the vicinity of the upper end of the
rear surface area.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended). An electronic image pickup
apparatus, comprising:

a lens unit ~~for imaging which images~~ an object and ~~producing~~
produces an electronic pickup image;

- 5 an image display ~~for displaying~~ device which displays the
image; and

a housing ~~for housing which houses~~ the lens unit and the
image display device,

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10 wherein the lens unit and the image display device are arranged in the housing ~~so as not to overlap to prevent the lens unit and the image display device from overlapping with each other~~ in a direction along an optical axis of the lens unit.

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5 Claim 15 (Currently Amended). An electronic image pickup apparatus according to claim 14, further comprising an electronic flash[,]
which is housed in the housing, for emitting and which emits light, and

5 wherein the housing further comprises an electronic flash window ~~for allowing which allows~~ light emitted from the electronic flash to be ~~propagated~~ projected toward the object, and the electronic flash window is arranged at an upper position of a center portion of a front region in an outer surface of the
10 housing.

5 Claim 16 (Currently Amended). An electronic image pickup apparatus according to claim ~~15~~ 14, further comprising a finder unit ~~for capturing which captures~~ a desired photographic target, ~~said the~~ finder unit including a finder eyepiece and being housed
5 in the housing, and

wherein the finder eyepiece and an image display ~~portion~~ screen of the image display device are arranged on a rear region

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of ~~the~~ an outer surface of the housing to prevent the finder
eyepiece and the image display screen from overlapping with so as
10 ~~not to overlap~~ each other, and the finder eyepiece is positioned
at an upper end position ~~of~~ in one end side on the rear region.

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5 Claim 17 (New). An electronic image pickup apparatus
according to claim 14, further comprising a signal terminal which
is used to output an image signal generated by the electronic
image pickup unit and which is arranged in a side end area on the
outer surface of the housing and in a left portion of the finder
unit.

5 Claim 18 (New). An electronic image pickup apparatus
according to claim 14, further comprising a signal terminal which
is used to output an image signal corresponding to the electronic
pickup image produced by the lens unit and which is arranged in a
side end area on the outer surface of the housing and in a left
portion of the finder unit.

Claim 19 (New). An electronic image pickup apparatus
according to claim 14, further comprising an image pickup
substrate which is used to control the lens unit and which is
housed in the housing, the image pickup unit substrate being

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5 arranged in a back side of the lens unit and in a lateral side of the image display device.

Claim 20 (New). An electronic image pickup apparatus, comprising:

C' 1 a finder unit which has an eyepiece window and which is used to capture an object;

D' 5 an electronic image pickup unit which picks up an electronic image from the object captured by the finder unit;

comd an image display device which has an image display screen, the screen being used to display the electronic image;

10 a housing which houses the finder unit, the electronic image pickup unit and the image display device, the eyepiece window being arranged at a position near to an upper end of a rear area of an outer surface of the housing, and the eyepiece window being arranged in an upper-left of the image display device; and

15 an image display device operating member which is used to operate the image display device and which is located on the rear area of the outer surface of the housing.